

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2730** by Leach (Relating to civil actions involving the exercise of certain constitutional rights.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to revise procedures for the dismissal of lawsuits based upon or arising from the exercise of the right to petition government, speak freely, and associate freely.

The bill would repeal the definitions of communication, exercise of the right of free speech, exercise of the right to petition, governmental proceeding, matter of public concern, official proceedings, and public servant from Chapter 27 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be covered within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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